

RESOLUTION 2020-1

WHEREAS, the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization was established to identify and support the implementation of regionally significant transportation projects to address future mobility needs of the Waco Region; and,

WHEREAS, the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board is composed of representatives appointed by the elected City Councils and Counties located within the jurisdiction of the MPO as well as the Texas Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Section 134, Title 23, USC requires a comprehensive and continuing transportation planning process must be carried out cooperatively in order to ensure funds for transportation projects are effectively allocated to the Waco Metropolitan Area; and,

WHEREAS, Section 450, Title 23, USC requires the development of a Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Waco Metropolitan Area to identify all regionally significant transportation needs and projects that can be reasonably funded within a minimum 20-year planning horizon; and,

WHEREAS, Section 450, Title 23, USC requires that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan be updated at least once every 5 years for urbanized areas that are designated as air quality attainment by the US EPA; and.

WHEREAS, the previous update of the Waco Metropolitan Transportation Plan was adopted on January 27, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Waco MPO staff produced a draft update of the Waco Metropolitan Transportation Plan with a planning horizon year of 2045 which addresses all federal and state requirements and reviewed said draft to a joint meeting of the Waco MPO Policy Board and MPO Technical Committee on November 21, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the Waco MPO Policy Board authorized the release of the draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan at the aforementioned meeting for public review and comment; and,

WHEREAS, the MPO staff has conducted and completed a public review and comment process in accordance with the Waco MPO Public Participation Plan.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICY BOARD OF THE WACO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION:

That the Waco MPO Policy Board hereby adopts Connections 2045: The Waco Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.

That all public participation requirements identified within the Waco MPO Public Participation Plan related to this action by the Policy Board were met and completed.

That the Waco MPO Policy Board additionally certifies this action complies with all applicable policies, procedures, and requirements identified within 23 CFR, Section 450, and Chapter 16 of Title 43 of the Texas Administrative Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 17th day of January, 2020.

Jacob Bell

Chair - Waco MPO Policy Board

ATTEST:

Christopher Evilia, AICP

Director